ACCESS TO (TV) PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSED CAPTIONING:

Greetings-  ${\tt I}$  am a hard of hearing person-with severe hearing loss in both ears.

TV- my only link to the outside world (other then newspapers- magazine etc) is vital to me. Captioning for me is a must- as understanding speech is no longer an option.

Of critical importance- current and emergency EVENTS! I need the captioning to "hear" reports of critical importance. Prime time: not critical- but certainly needed.

I am a member of SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People)--founder and former president of the Southwestern CT chapter. I know I speak for many of our members-- please don't forget us.

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